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I GOT LUCKY, DIRECTOR BRAUNZE.

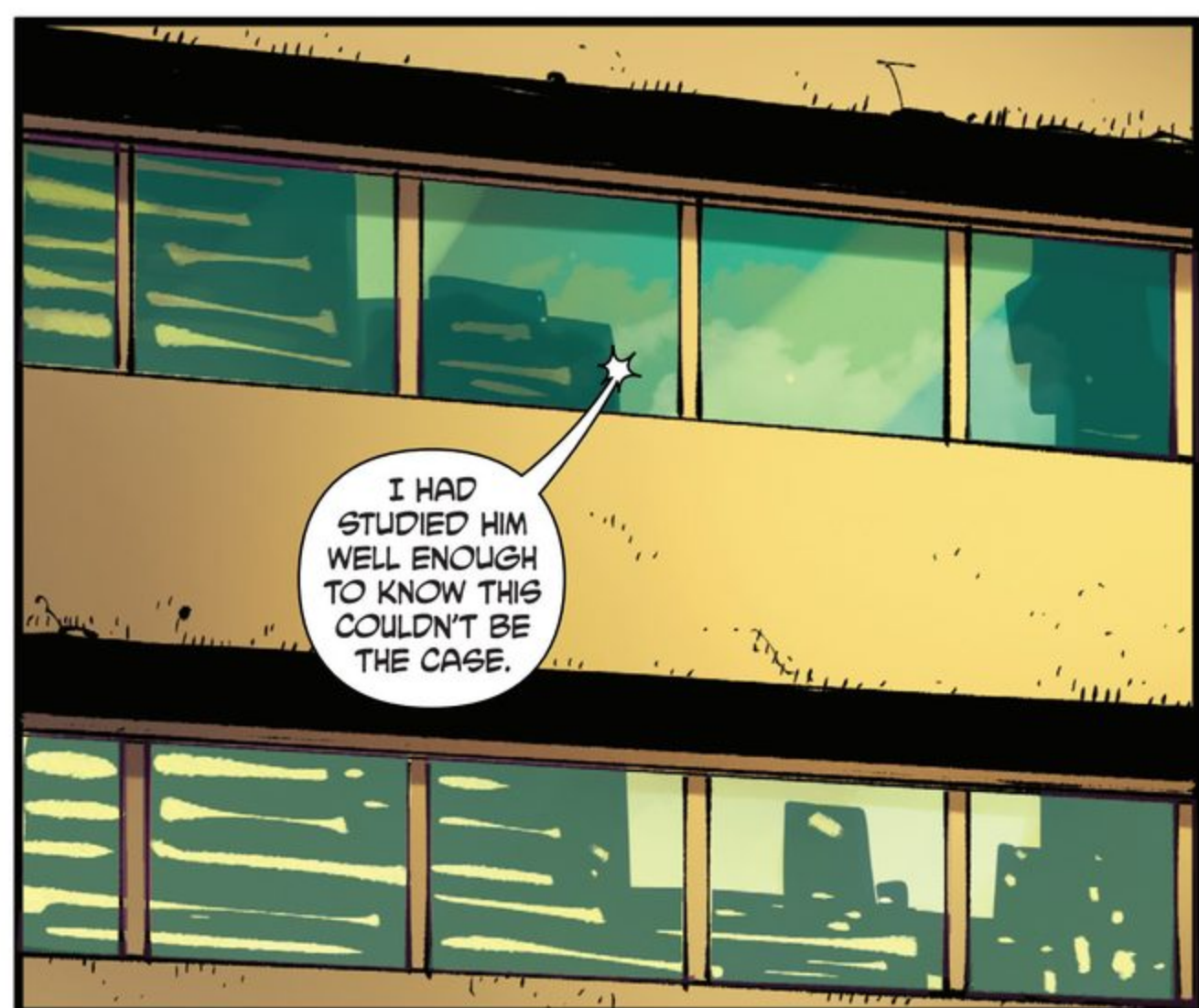
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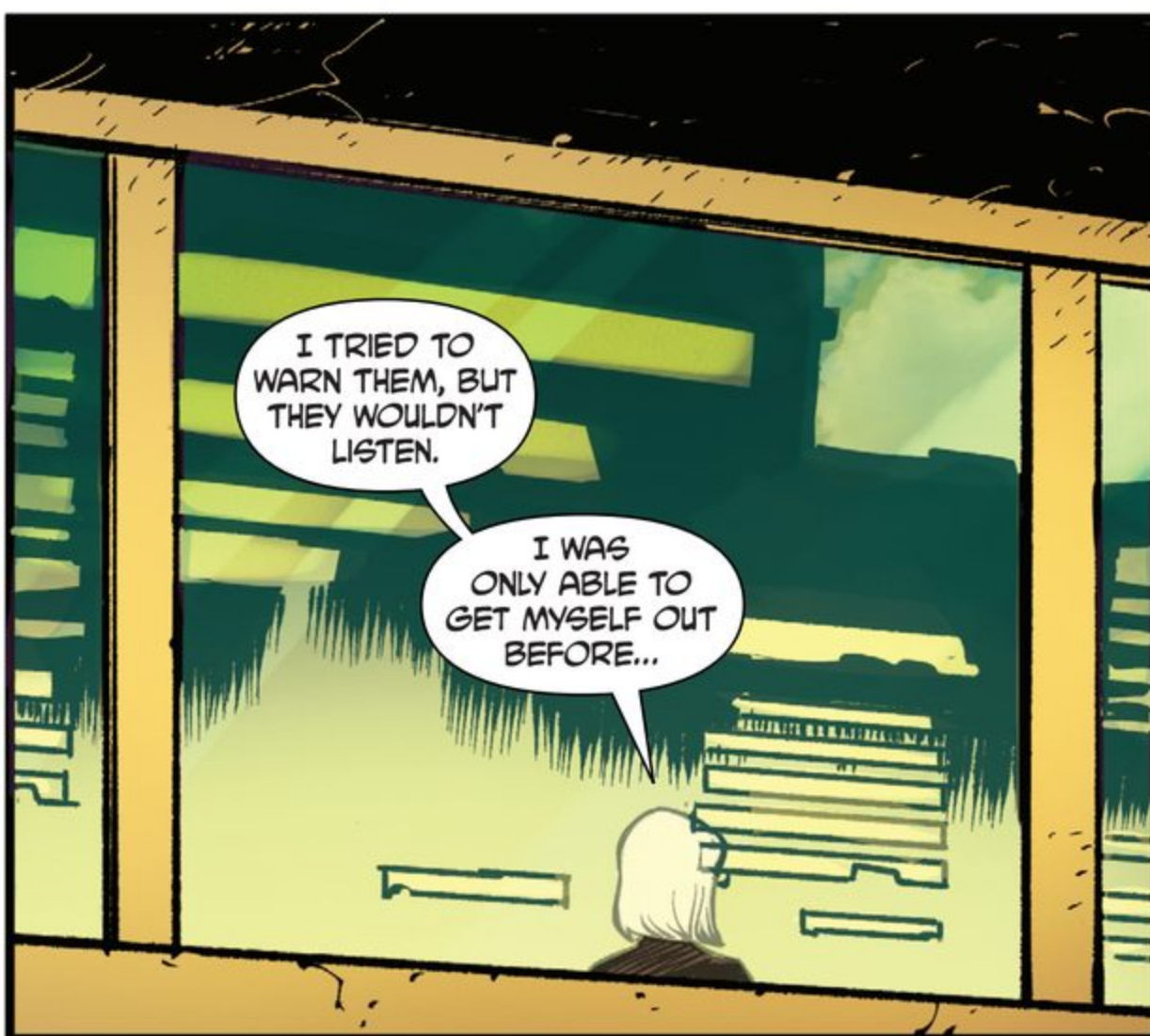


THE DARKWATER PARAMILITARY THOUGHT THEY HAD THE SHREDDER IN CUSTODY.

THEY THOUGHT HE WAS HUMBLER-- THAT HE'D WORK FOR THEM.



I HAD STUDIED HIM WELL ENOUGH TO KNOW THIS COULDN'T BE THE CASE.



I TRIED TO WARN THEM, BUT THEY WOULDN'T LISTEN.

I WAS ONLY ABLE TO GET MYSELF OUT BEFORE...



BEFORE HE **BLEW UP** THEIR HEADQUARTERS SKYSCRAPER IN NEW YORK.

WHAT A MESS.

WHAT AN EMBARRASSMENT.



...YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON WE HAVE WHO'S BEEN UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH SHREDDER SINCE HE RETURNED FROM WHATEVER ROCK HE'D CRAWLED UNDER.



OROKU SAKI--THE SHREDDER--IS USED TO HAVING VAST RESOURCES.

FOR MOST OF HIS...CAREER...HE WAS THE LEADER OF THE FOOT CLAN.

HE HAD ACCESS TO RARE CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGIES, MUTANT ENFORCERS, AND MAGICAL ARTIFACTS, ALL OF WHICH HE USED TO FURTHER HIS GOALS AND BROADEN HIS CRIME EMPIRE.



HE NOW HAS NONE OF THESE.

HE HAS REJECTED MAGIC AND TECHNOLOGY.

HE IS ALONE, AND ON THE RUN.

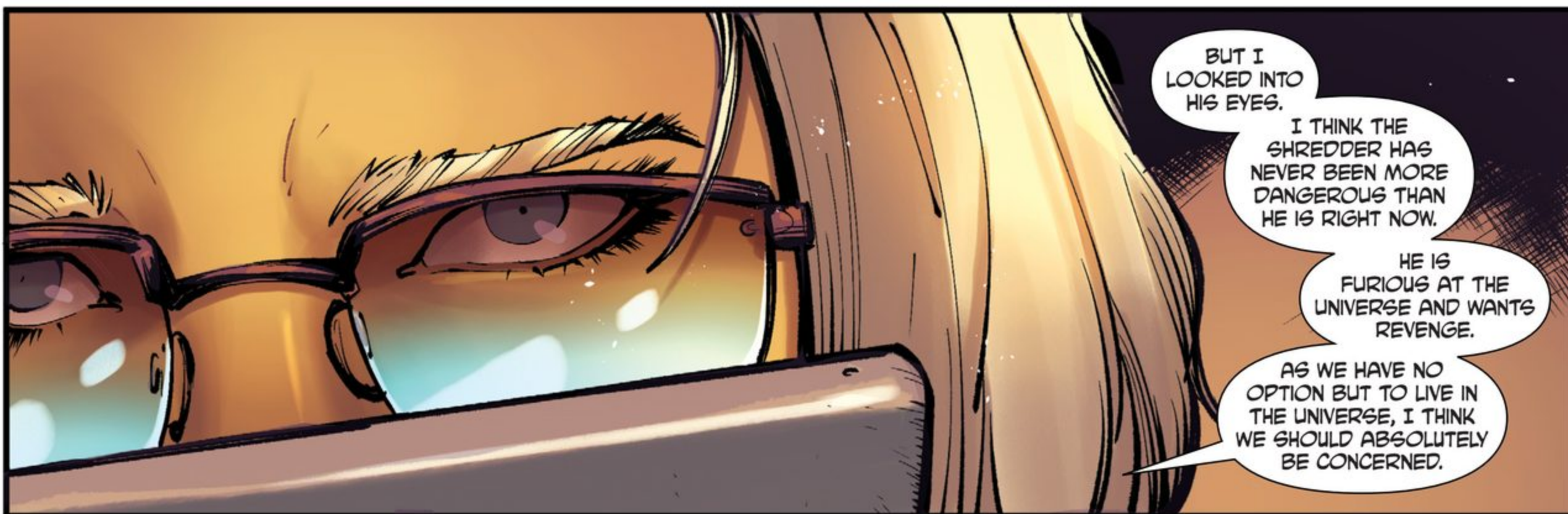


BUT I LOOKED INTO HIS EYES.

I THINK THE SHREDDER HAS NEVER BEEN MORE DANGEROUS THAN HE IS RIGHT NOW.

HE IS FURIOUS AT THE UNIVERSE AND WANTS REVENGE.

AS WE HAVE NO OPTION BUT TO LIVE IN THE UNIVERSE, I THINK WE SHOULD ABSOLUTELY BE CONCERNED.

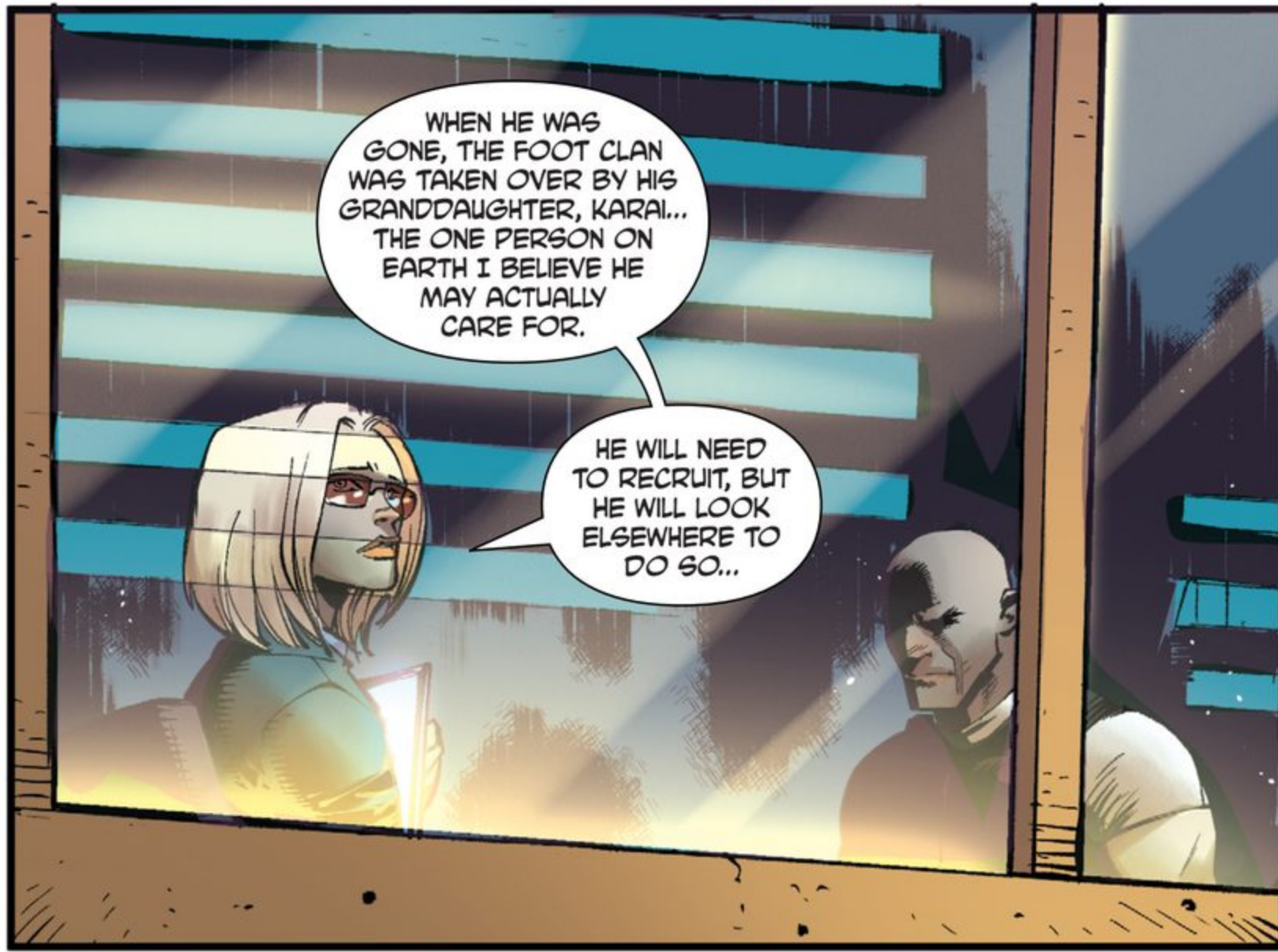


SO WHAT WILL HE DO NEXT? WHERE WILL HE GO?



WHEN HE WAS GONE, THE FOOT CLAN WAS TAKEN OVER BY HIS GRANDDAUGHTER, KARAI... THE ONE PERSON ON EARTH I BELIEVE HE MAY ACTUALLY CARE FOR.

HE WILL NEED TO RECRUIT, BUT HE WILL LOOK ELSEWHERE TO DO SO...





"...FAR AWAY FROM NEW YORK."

<"NEON LIGHTS IN INFANTILE COLORS AND THE STENCH OF FRIED FOOD ARE A GREASY, TRANSLUCENT SHEEN ON THE FACE OF KABUKICHŌ.">*

<"SCRAPE IT AWAY, AND SEE WHAT THIS PLACE REALLY IS.">

<"YOU SEE THEM IN THE DOORWAYS.">

*Translated from Japanese.--JT.



<"PIMPS AND TOUTS, WATCHING FOR FAT TOURISTS WITH FAT WALLETS.">

<"WATCHING WITH PREDATOR EYES.">

<"THEY WILL DRAG THEM ACROSS THE THRESHOLDS, PLIED WITH PROMISES OF CHEAP DRINKS AND CHEAP GIRLS.">

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<"THE GIRLS SIT, HUDDLED, WAITING IN TURN FOR THE TOURISTS' EYES.">



<"PREDATOR EYES.">



<"I GREW UP HERE, LONG AGO.">

<"I WAS ONE OF THOSE GIRLS.">

<"BEFORE THE DOG STAR CLAN FOUND ME.">



<MR. TOMOMATSU,
YOU SHOULD HAVE
HONORED YOUR
DEBTS.>



<I DO NOT
LIKE HAVING TO
RETURN HERE TO
KABUKICHŌ.>

<IT PUTS
ME IN A BAD
MOOD.>



<PLEASE, I-->

<YOU SEE, YOU HAVE AN AGREEMENT WITH *THE FAMILY*.>

<YOU PAY THEM PROTECTION MONEY. YOUR RESTAURANT RUNS SMOOTHLY.>



<IF YOU DO NOT PAY THE PROTECTION MONEY, THE FAMILY SENDS ME AND AKITO TO BOIL YOUR FACE IN YOUR OWN DEEP-FAT FRYER.>



<NOOO!>

<DOES THIS MAKE SENSE, MR. TOMOMATSU? DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?>



<I DO>



<I HEAR THE DOG STAR CLAN CLAIM TO BE THE TRUER LINEAGE OF TAKESHI TATSUO.>

<WHO THE HELL ARE YOU MEANT TO BE?>



<I HEAR YOU CLAIM TO BE THE *SUPERIOR EVOLUTION* OF THE FOOT CLAN.>



<AND YET WHEN I ARRIVE IN TOKYO--ON YOUR HOME TURF--THE FIRST I FIND OF YOU IS IN A DINGY KITCHEN, SHAKING DOWN A RESTAURATEUR FOR THE YAKUZA.>

<TURN AND WALK AWAY, OLD MAN.>



<THIS IS PATHETIC.>

<THIS SHOULD BE SO FAR BENEATH YOU.>

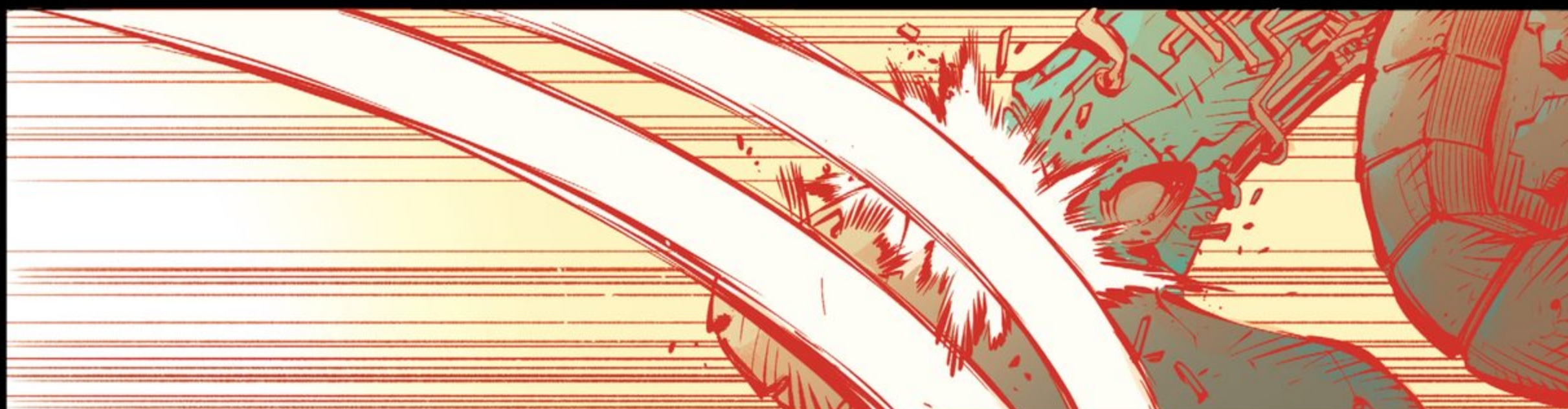
<WHAT HAS REDUCED YOU TO THIS?>



<I WARNED YOU.>







<LET ME GO.>

<IT IS NO WONDER YOU ARE REDUCED TO LAPDOGS FOR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.>



<YOU RELY ON THESE AUGMENTS YOU HAVE GRAFTED INTO YOUR FLESH.>

<USING TECHNOLOGY RATHER THAN SKILL.>



<LET ME-- BETAUGH-->

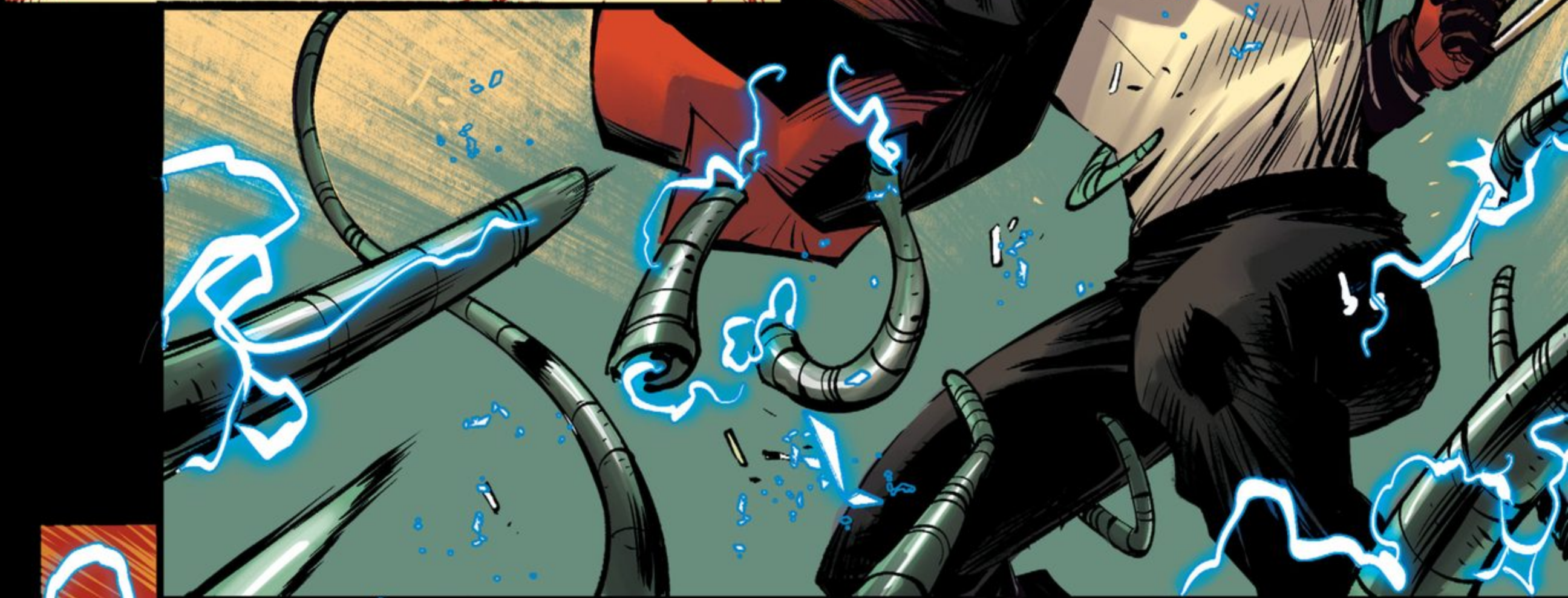
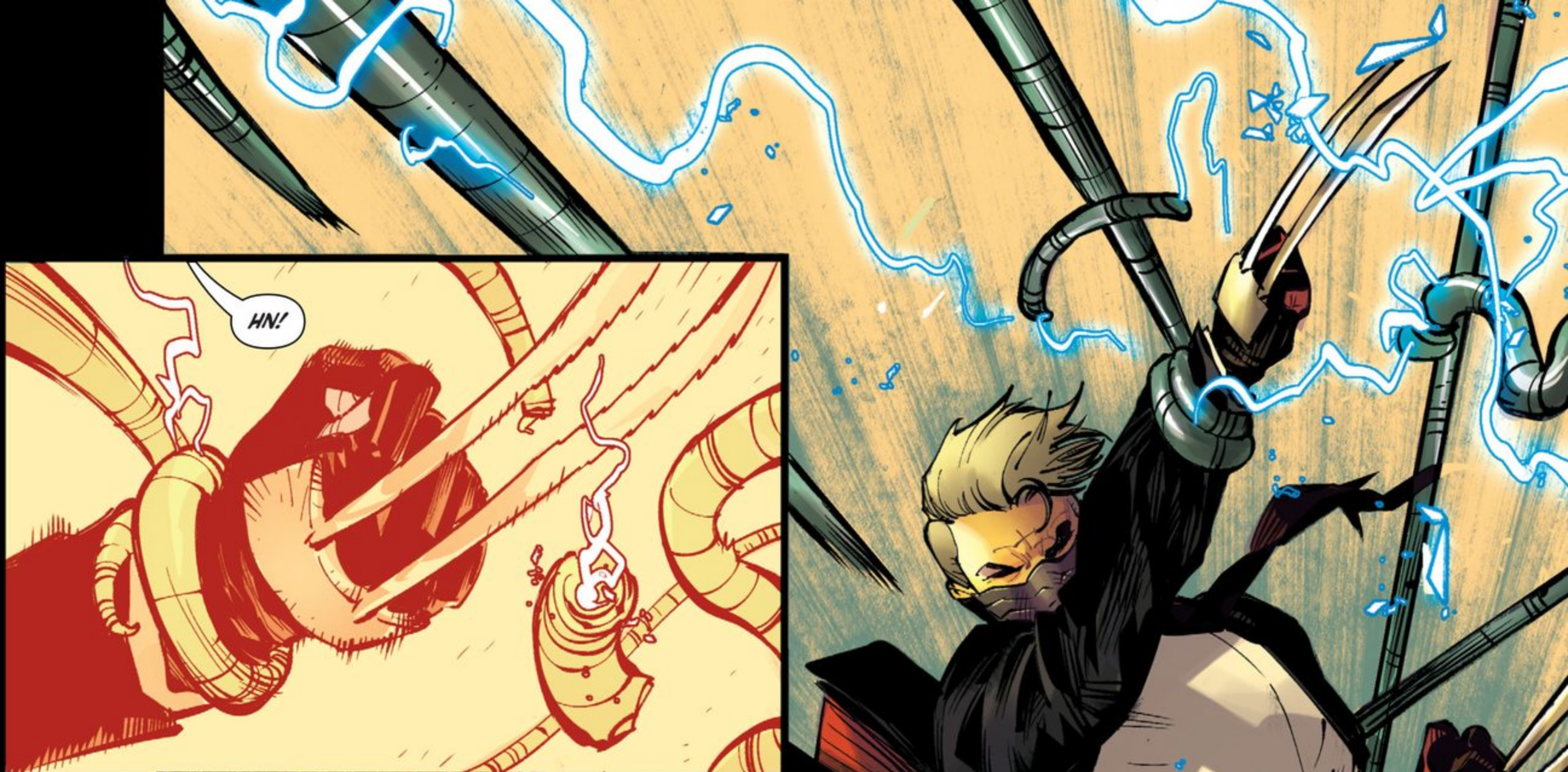




<I THINK THE CLAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPERIMENTING WITH BIOMECHANICAL ENGINEERING.>















<EXPLAIN YOUR
FAILURE.>



<I...I
APOLOGIZE,
KENJI-SAN.>



<KNEEL! SHOW
SOME RESPECT,
DAMN YOU.>



<I
APOLOGIZE.>

<YOU
ALREADY SAID
THAT, HOSHIMI.>

<TELL ME WHY I
SHOULD NOT ALLOW
THE VIRUS WITHIN YOU
TO ACTIVATE, AS
YOUR PARTNER'S
DID??>

<WE WERE
ATTACKED. WE WERE
AMBUSHED.>





<SO? THE WHOLE POINT OF YOU IS SUPPOSED TO BE THAT YOU ARE STRONGER AND FASTER THAN ANY OF THE OTHER YAKUZA'S ENFORCERS.>

<IT WASN'T THEM.>

<WE WERE ATTACKED BY THE SHREDDER.>



<THE SHREDDER...>



<WHO?>



<HE--HE IS A LEGEND, KENSHIN-SAN.>

<THE GHOST WHO RETURNED FROM DEATH TO LEAD THE FOOT CLAN. AND NOW HE IS HERE.>

<AND WHAT DID THIS GHOST WANT, EXACTLY?>





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IS THERE WHISKEY IN THAT?

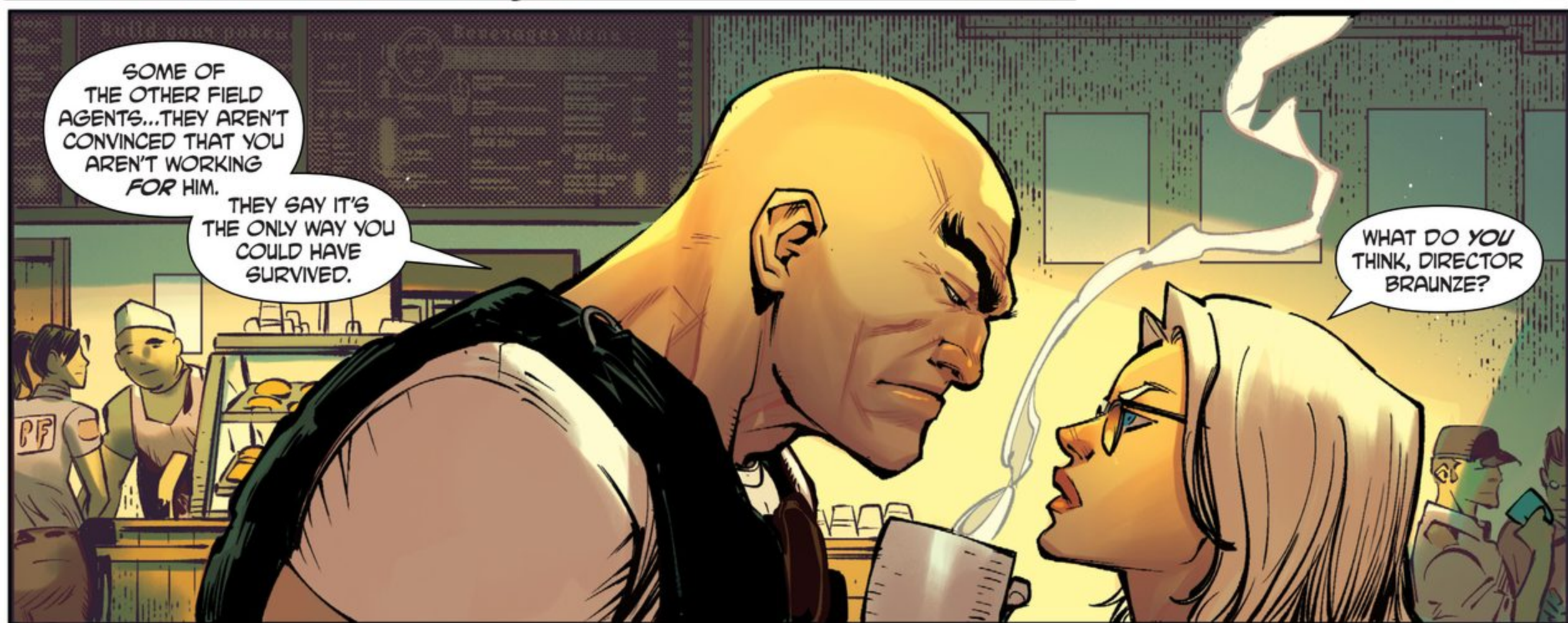
OF COURSE NOT.

DAMMIT. WHY DOESN'T ANYBODY DRINK AT WORK ANYMORE?



YOU WERE RIGHT.

WE'RE GETTING REPORTS THAT FIFTEEN MINUTES AGO A SKIRMISH BROKE OUT IN SHINJUKU. A FIGHT BETWEEN SOME SORT OF CRAZED CYBORG...AND A MAN WITH CLAWS.



SOME OF THE OTHER FIELD AGENTS...THEY AREN'T CONVINCED THAT YOU AREN'T WORKING FOR HIM.

THEY SAY IT'S THE ONLY WAY YOU COULD HAVE SURVIVED.

WHAT DO YOU THINK, DIRECTOR BRAUNZE?



I THINK YOU WANT TO NAIL THAT CREEP AS MUCH AS I DO.

"I'M GIVING YOU YOUR
OWN TASK FORCE. I'M
SENDING YOU TO
TOKYO..."



"...BRING THE SHREDDER
IN BEFORE ANY MORE
BLOOD IS SPILLED."

NEXT:
**MORE
BLOOD
IS SPILLED!**

NEXT MONTH





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3. **Alien Books** has teamed up with IDW Publishing to bring all of our amazing titles to the shelves of your local comic shop and bookstore!

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You've likely already seen some of our Valiant Beyond titles in the IDW catalog over the past year, and we hope you've checked them out.

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